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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: William J. Curatolo, et al :

APPLICATION NO.: 09/380,885

: Examiner: S. Sharareh

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: Group Art Unit: 1619

TITLE: Delayed-Release Dosage Forms of Sertraline :

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this application, mailed on September 13, 2001, and having an original period for response of 3 months, which expired on December 13, 2001, be extended by 3 month(s), such that it expires on March 13, 2002.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge the amount of \$920.00 as stated under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, as well as any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Two copies of this paper are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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